



## Mama Cocoa's Delights

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Candy Kitchen/Shop

Member since April 2013

### MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP



#### **Environmental Policy Statement**

*As a artisan confectionary shop, Mama Cocoa's Delights is committed to the integration of sound environmental practices in its business decisions. We believe that an appropriate balance can and should be achieved between environmental goals and economic health. We intend to be a leader in responsible environmental management. This requires each Mama Cocoa's Delights employee to participate in and accept responsibility for achieving the following goals:*

**1. Comply with government environmental laws and regulations;**

*Mama Cocoa's Delights recognizes governmental laws and regulations as a first necessary step toward environmental responsibility.*

**2. Promote environmentally conscious practices;**

*Mama Cocoa's Delights values leadership by example inside and outside the company. We encourage our staff, vendors and customers to engage in environmentally conscious practices.*

**3. Provide a safe and healthy work environment for all of its employees;**

*Mama Cocoa's Delights is committed to promoting and maintaining safety equipment and training programs for its employees.*

**4. Minimize the impact on the environment from manufacturing processes by:**

- *Repurposing materials to reduce packaging demands*
- *Using recyclable and biodegradable packaging whenever practicable and consistent with required levels of quality.*
- *Incorporating recycled materials whenever practicable and consistent with required levels of quality.*
- *Minimizing the release of waste materials.*
- *Actively promote recycling both internally and amongst its customers and suppliers.*

**5. Promote environmental awareness**

*Mama Cocoa's Delights is committed to making its customers fully aware of the environmental benefits of Mama Cocoa's Delights products.*

**6. Continually review environmental practices and policy.**

*In this age of rapid technological change, Mama Cocoa's Delights understands the need to remain current in environmental issues and in seeking to produce environmentally friendly product.*

*Mama Cocoa's Delights will continue its mission of providing quality candies and sweets through environmentally responsible manufacturing.*

*Tamarra Thomas, Pastry Chef/Owner*



**Environmentally Preferable Products and Services**

*At Mama Cocoa's Delights, we try our best to make sure that all of our packaging is recyclable or biodegradable. Instead of using plastic bags and plastic candy wrappers we use biodegradable cellophane bags and wrappers. We purchased cornmeal bags that were not being used and being stored in a warehouse in Baltimore. We use those cornmeal bags as shopping bags in our store. We also use the cornmeal bags as tabs on our candy bags, as wrappers for our candy bars and as bands on our truffle boxes. Our product labels are printed using soy ink. All of our packaging uses paper, foil or cellophane. In the event that we need a larger size shopping bag, we reuse plastics bags from our homes and the homes of our neighbors.*



**Environmentally Preferable Purchasing**

*Mama Cocoa's Delights does our best to purchase locally (50 miles or less) produced supplies and ingredients. All of the jams and honey we use are produced here in Bowie. Our herbs come from our small herb garden or from Richard's Hundred Natural Farm also located in Bowie. The natural flavors we use are produced in Hanover, MD and the coffee and espresso we use is roasted in Millersville, MD.*

**WASTE**



**Recycling**

*At Mama Cocoa's Delights, we do our best to recycle any and everything we can recycle. All paper products and boxes are recycled as well as all cans, bottles and jugs. We even offer to recycle our customers' sales receipts if they don't need them.*

## **WATER**



### **Water Conservation**

*During the more humid months (April thru October, we use a dehumidifier to protect the candies. We pull between 6.5 and 13 gallons of water a day. We then use that water in and around the shop. We use it to water our small container garden out back and we use that water to mop our floors. We conserve between 1,365 gallons to 1,950 gallons of water a year. This year we hope to purchase another dehumidifier so our conservation numbers are sure to increase.*